



BIG BENEFIT — Genesee Valley Rotary Camp for handicapped children really came out on top in the recent horse show staged by the Kennedy Farm Riding Club. At the Dansville Rotary meeting last week, Gene Moffatt (second from left), riding club president, turned over \$3,000 for GVRC to Donald Bartolo, president of the camp organization, which includes Rotary units from throughout the area. With them are (from left) Joanne Young, riding club treasurer; Rick Kurtz, president of Dansville Rotary; Bud Parsons, riding club vice-president; and Linda Miller, secretary.

Uncle Dan's Letter

Dear Mister Editor:

Never mind staying ahead of the Russians, Clem Webster said during the session at the country store Saturday night, we got to build up our baby budget to keep up with ourselves. Clem had a clipping where a population expert predicts that our dropping birth rate will ruin our Social Security in particular and our economy in general. The feller calls his study "The Birth Dearth", Clem said, and he shows how a declining population messes up everything.

For instant, Clem went on, the study notes Social Security is a pass-through for retired folks. Unless we keep up the feeder system, workers now paying in won't have anything to draw on when they get ready for their benefits. With 2.0 kids per ma and pa, Clem said, we hold our own, and when production falls below that we're headed for big trouble.

And what's worst, he said, as the feeder system fails the user

system grows. The number of people 65 and older grows worldwide at 2.4 percent, according to the study, and the world population grows at 1.7 percent. Our success with chemistry and technology gives us a choice, Clem said, and we are choosing not to breed. Our success with good food and health care has given us a choice, and we are choosing not to pass on. Our old people rate is higher and our new people rate is lower than most of the world, so the bad economics of a dearth of birth is made worst by an avalanche of aging, was Clem's words.

Practical speaking, Bug Hookum said, the world has worked out wrong. People are adding like crazy in deserts where there's nothing to eat, and they're subtracting where they got more food than they can eat, sell and give away.

Bug said he had given some thought to Clem's report, and he knows what to do. We can solve our population problem the way we've solved all our other problems since World War II, with imports. All we got to do is open the gates, and we fill the country with people in a generation or as fast as we can do the paperwork, whichever is sooner, Bug said.

Ed Doolittle was full disagreed with Bug. The system has to grow from within, Ed said, with the jobs and the income and the tax paying keeping up with people. If we were foolish enough to try Bug's idea, Ed allowed, we'd wind up with nothing more than a refugee camp with more burdens than working taxpayers and our other resources could stand.

But then, Ed noted, we're all trying strange remedies. He said he recent heard two women said the problem was stress and she perscribed what worked for her, a ounce of gin four times a day. The woman said the dizzy spells had cleared up, but she still taking her medicine to be on the safe side.

Yours truly,
Uncle Dan

It Took a While For This Reunion

Members of the Kennedy family from throughout New York State flocked to the Livingston County Park in Mt. Morris Sept. 13 for the first reunion to be held in more than 75 years.

Decendents of John Kennedy and Clara Abigail Smith came from such areas as Ithaca, Rochester, Orchard Park, Auburn, Batavia, Corfu, Darien Center, Dansville, Geneseo, Scottsburg and Mt. Morris.

More than 60 people attended. The oldest was Melissa Crane Lown, 89, of Scottsburg, a daughter of John and Carrie Crane. The youngest was Julie Kennedy, daughter of Steven and Kim Kennedy of Orchard Park, and the granddaughter of Vera Kennedy of Dansville and the late Lloyd Kennedy. Members of the late Claude Kennedy's family were represented by his wife, Irene and all of his children.

It was pointed out that many members of the family were not notified of the gathering because of unknown addresses. Another reunion is scheduled for the county park on the second Sunday in September, 1988. All those who are decendents of George, Aaron, Martha, Marie, William, Charles, Amariah, Jane or Sabra Kennedy are invited to attend.

Officers elected include Gerald Kennedy, president, and Kathy Kenney, secretary-treasurer. Further information is available from here at 104 Ossian St. Dansville.

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Obituary

LUCILLE W. MORGAN

Lucille W. Morgan, 70, of 54 Cottage St. died Tuesday (Sept. 22, 1987) following a short illness.

She was a native of Dansville and the wife of James D. Morgan. She was a member of St. Mary's Church and was affiliated with the Brae Burn Women's Golf Association and the Wildflower Club of Englewood, Fla.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. Douglas Nevins of Somers, N.Y.; nieces and nephews.

A prayer service will be conducted today at 10 a.m. in the Johnson Funeral Home, followed by Mass of Christian Burial in St. Mary's Church at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Andrew Teuschel officiating. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Dansville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dansville Ambulance Fund.

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